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1. SUMMARY. MISSIN DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH GEORGIO LONGO STATUS OF BRINGING INTO FORCE THE EURATOM/IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. THE SITUATION APPEARS UNCHANGED FROM STATUS REPORTED IN REFTEL, BUT LONGO INDICATED MUCH PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN SOLVING PROBLEM WITH THE FRENCH. END SUMMARY.

2. A ROUTINE INQUIRY WAS MADE OF LONGO TO LEARN WHAT PROGRESS HAD OCCURRED IN COMPLETING THE FACILITY ATTACHMENTS NECESSARY TO MAKE THE EURATOM/IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT OPERATIONAL. MUCH TO OUR SURPRISE WE WERE TOLD THE CONTROLLING FACTOR IS STILL EC COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE SAFEGUARDS PROCEDURES WHICH IN TURN REQUIRES RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM WHETHER TO TREAT FRANCE UNDER EURATOM RULES OR THOSE APPLIED TO OTHER NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES WHO HAVE SIGNED THE NPT.

3. LONGO STATED THE COUNCIL HAD CONSIDERED THE MATTER AGAIN

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IN JULY AND CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON RESOLVING

THE FRENCH PROBLEM. THE SUBJECT IS AGAIN DUE FOR DISCUSSION BY THE COUNCIL IN A FEW WEEKS, AND APPROVAL OF THE SAFEGUARDS PROCEDURES WAS VERY PROMISING. COMMENT: THIS WAS ABOUT THE SAME OPTIMISTIC STORY WE HEARD LAST JUNE AS REPORTED IN REFTEL.

4. UPON ARRIVAL OF THE PROCEDURES BY THE COUNCIL, LONGO STATED EURATOM COULD THEN OFFICIALLY REQUEST FROM THE MEMBER STATES THE TECHNICAL INFORMATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE FACILITY ATTACHMENTS. WORK IS APPARENTLY PROCEEDING ON THE FACILITY ATTACHMENTS EVEN WHILE WAITING FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE PROCEDURES, BUT WE GET THE IMPRESSION CERTAIN GAPS EXIST IN EURATOM OBTAINING ALL THE DATA IT REQUIRES.

5. UPON COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE PROCEDURES, THE PLAN IS STILL TO THEN NOTIFY THE IAEA THAT EURATOM IS PREPARED TO BRING THE AGREEMENT INTO FORCE. THIS WOULD MEAN THE SYSTEM WOULD BECOME OPERATIONAL IN 90 DAYS UNLESS BOTH PARTIES AGREE TO EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD FURTHER. DURING THE 90 DAYS OR LONGER PERIOD, WE UNDERSTAND AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED BETWEEN IAEA AND EURATOM ON THE FACILITY ATTACHMENTS WHICH, IN EFFECT, IS THE SAFEGUARDS PLAN AND CONDUCTING THE REQUIRED AUDIT OF EACH FACILITY.

6. LONGO ASSURED US THAT VIENNA WAS QUITE AWARE OF THE SITUATION AND THAT "THEY WERE OPERATING ON THE SAME WAVE LENGTH". IN ANSWER TO A DIRECT QUESTION LONGO STATED NO PRESSURE WAS BEING APPLIED BY VIENNA TO MOVE ANY FASTER.

7. NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE ABOVE ISSUE BUT OF POSSIBLE INTEREST IS EURATOM'S REFERENCE TO IAEA AS VIENNA IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION WITH THE IEA IN PARIS. THIS PROBABLY RESULTS FROM LONGO BEING HEAVILY INVOLVED IN IEA WORK AS WELL AS THE IAEA SAFEGUARDS AREA. GREENWALD

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